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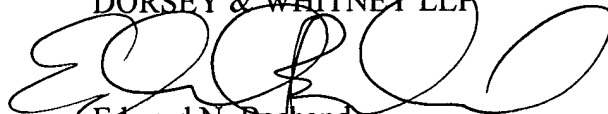
In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the second Claim 53 has been canceled and a new Claim 56, identical to the former second Claim 53, has been added.

Claims 1-11, 13-21, 24-25, 27-28 and 40-56 are pending in the above-captioned application. Claims 12, 22, 23, 26 and 29-39 are canceled.

If any matters can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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